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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) 21ST MAY 2023 WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY



FOODBANK

This week we had **83** visitors to the Foodbanks and, once again, we couldn't do this without your support. Thank you all very much.

We have also received generous donations from Vanda at Le Sorelle, the pupils at Loch Primary, Nith Valley Eggs and from Chapman's Quiz Team.

This week we are running low on the following items:

Tinned veg, Tinned spaghetti, Tinned potatoes, Pasta sauce, Nappies - size 4 & 5, Baby wipes, Toiletries, Washing up liquid.

Donations can be left at the back of both Churches or at Burnside Butchers.

SCIAF WEE BOX

We need to count and bank all parish contributions and pay them to SCIAF as soon as possible. If you have any Wee Boxes please bring them to the Church by next weekend.

WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY

This weekend marks the fifty-seventh World Communications Day. In his annual address to mark the occasion, Pope Francis has asked all of us in the Church to redouble our efforts to ensure evangelical communication is at the heart of our mission at diocesan, parish and individual levels. The Holy Father also encourages us to make listening and dialogue key ingredients of our engagement with the new digital culture.

There will be a second collection at all Masses to support the communication work of the Church.

THEATRE

Thank you to Karen Smith for organising another successful trip to the theatre. Everyone who saw 'The King and I' had a great time. Photos of the outing are on our social media accounts. There are 4 tickets left for Wicked on 3rd of January 2024 and 5 tickets left for Hamilton on the 12th March 2024! First come, first served, please add your name to the lists in the church, or speak to me or Karen.

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

SATURDAY 20TH MAY

The Prayer of Jesus focusses on the concept of Glory. In Hebrew "Glory" has the same root as the word for the liver, the heaviest organ of the body, and so can be thought of as meaning "giving weight" to something. Jesus glorifies the Father when he gives the most weight to the Father's will and fulfilling the mission he has been entrusted with. We in turn give glory to God, when we allow the thing of God to tip the scales in our lives and become the most pressing focus, the most important voice.

(Readings: Acts 1:12-14.; Psalm 26; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11)

At St Mark's

4.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

5.00pm

Vigil Mass for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY 21ST MAY

10.00am

Children's Mass for the Seventh Sunday of Easter **at St Mark's**

11.30am

Holy Mass for the Seventh Sunday of Easter **at St Anthony's**

1.00pm

Sacrament of Baptism for Alix & Indie Eccles at St Mark's

4.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation available **at St Anthony's**

5.00pm

Holy Mass for the Seventh Sunday of Easter **at St Anthony's**

MONDAY 22ND MAY

(Readings: Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 67; John 16:29-33)

At St Mark's

9.00am-9.50am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am

Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary

10.00am

Holy Mass for Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter

10.30am

Computer and IT help in St Mark's House

TUESDAY 23RD MAY

(Readings: Acts 20:17-27; Psalm 67; John 17: 1-11)

8.45am

Recitation of a Decade of the Rosary at St Mark's School

At St Anthony's

6.00pm-6.50pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6.30pm

Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary

7.00pm

Holy Mass for Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter

followed by the Novena to St Anthony

7.30pm

Meeting of the SVDP **in St Anthony's House**

WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY

(Readings: Acts 20:28-38; Psalm: 67; John 17: 11-19)

At St Mark's

9.00am-9.50am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am

Recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary

10.00am

Holy Mass for Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter

10.00am-12.00noon

Food Bank at St Anthony's Hall

10.30am

Cuppa Club in St Mark's Hall

12.00noon-2.00pm

Food Bank at St Mark's Hall

THURSDAY 25TH MAY

THE MEMORIAL OF ST BEDE THE VENERABLE

St Bede the Venerable (672-735) was a monk of the twinned monasteries of Jarrow and Monkwearmouth. He wrote extensively on Sacred Scripture; he translated many works of the Church Fathers, making them accessible to the Anglo-Saxon world; he wrote on scientific matters, promoting the dating of events from the birth of Christ; he is, above all, a pioneer of church history, making the first mention of Saint Ninian of Galloway "a most reverend and holy man".

(Readings: Acts 22:30;23:6-11; Psalm 15; John 17:20-26)

8.30am

Recitation of a decade of the Rosary at St Anthony's Church

At St Anthony's

9.00am-9.50am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am

Recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary

10.00am

Holy Mass for the Memorial of St Bede the Venerable

7.00pm

May Devotions at St Mark's

7.30pm

Rehearsal of Community Choir in St Mark's Church

7.30pm

Bible Study Group in St Mark's House

FRIDAY 26TH MAY

THE MEMORIAL OF ST PHILIP NERI

St Philip Neri (1515-1595) was born in Florence but went to Rome, aged 18, where, for, 17 years as a layman, he evangelised people on the street and in their homes. He became part of a confraternity which cared for poor pilgrims and patients discharged too early from hospital. He was ordained priest, aged 35. He, and a growing number of followers, gathered each evening for prayer, music, and readings from Scripture and the Church Fathers, which was the beginning of the Oratorians. They started parish missions across Rome. He had a great sense of humour, was hugely influential, and is known as the 'Third Apostle of Rome' after Saints Peter and Paul.

(Readings: Acts 25:13-21; Psalm 102; John 21:15-19)

8.45am Recitation of a Decade of the Most Holy Rosary at St Mark's School
At St Mark's
9.00am-9.50am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.00am-9.50am Sacrament of Reconciliation available
9.30am Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary
10.00am Holy Mass for the Memorial of St Philip Neri with the Novena to the Sacred Heart
7.30pm Vigil Reception for the requiem of Fred MacConnell

Daily Mass on Saturday 27th of May is in St Mark's and not St Anthony's due to the requiem Mass of Fred MacConnell

SATURDAY 27TH MAY

THE MEMORIAL OF ST AUGSTINE OF CANTERBURY

St Augustine of Canterbury (+605) was sent by Pope St Gregory the Great in 595 to evangelise Kent and to organise the Church already existing in large parts of England. He was the first Archbishop of Canterbury. The style of missionary outreach he established bore much fruit after his death. He is known as the 'Apostle to the English'.

St Mark's
10.00am Requiem Mass for Fred MacConnell R.I.P.
1.30pm Holy Mass for the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage of Conor Bell & Rynne McHugh

THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST (A)

SATURDAY 27TH MAY

The Holy Spirit is given to enable the disciples to overcome division. In John this is the division from God, from one another, even estrangement from own true selves, which we call sin. In the Acts account, the division is ethnic and linguistic, with Pentecost now reversing the disaster of Babel. Can we let the Spirit do its work?

(Readings: Acts 1:12-14.; Psalm 26; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11)

At St Mark's
4.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation available
5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Pentecost

SUNDAY 28TH MAY

10.00am Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Pentecost **at St Mark's**
11.30am Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Pentecost **at St Anthony's**
4.30pm-4.50pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Available
5.00pm Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Pentecost **at St Anthony's**

FROM THE CLARK FAMILY

Billy, Janice and the whole Clark family wish to thank everyone for their good wishes and support since the death of their beloved Isobel. They are deeply grateful for the care everyone has shown them. Please keep them in your prayers.

CARFIN DAY

Lists are available at the back of the church to gauge interest in a parish day in Carfin. If you are interested the please add your name to the list. Full details in next weekend's bulletin.

DAY BY DAY BOOKS

The booklet for June and July is now available in the stalls. These are very useful books which provide the daily Mass readings for a whole month. Price £1.50

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism : Alix & Indie Eccles

Those who will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage: Conor Bell & Rianne McHugh

Those who died recently, especially: Billy Aitchison, Anna Baghari, Kathleen Boyle, Isobel Clark, Kathleen Devine Fred MacConnell, John Fitzpatrick, Packy McGeever, Toni Quigley & Ella Urris

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially: Paddy Gallagher, Brigid Kelly, Jim Markey, James McCurdy, Sheena McCurdy, Agnes McLaughlin, Isabella McLaughlin & Mary Sheils,

Please pray for all sick and housebound of the Parish: Ella Connolly, Isa Daniels, Peter Kavanagh, Baby Finn McGuinness, Michael McGuire, Baby Hope McKenna, May O'Donnell, Kathleen Perry & Margaret Rice.

ADVICE AND SUPPORT

Volunteer Parish based confidential benefits advice and assistance with form filling is available in person via the Wednesday food banks or from the SVDP telephone 07977185826 for more information.

MAY DEVOTIONS

As we are in the Month of Mary, May Devotions will be celebrated each week throughout the month of May.

Each week we will pray a Litany to Mary.

Thursday 25th May The Litany of the Immaculate Heart

The schedule for devotions is as follows

7.00pm The Angelus, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7.05pm The Recitation of the Holy Rosary

7.15pm Litany

7.30pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

ST MARK'S PARKING

I've had a meeting with some of the neighbours of St Mark's who live in Laurieston Way. Could we please use the church car park and avoid parking there when using the hall? I know we need to drop things off at the side entrance, and that's still alright, but the neighbours find it disruptive when it gets busy.

ALTAR SERVERS

Now that the First Communions have been celebrated, I'd like to invite our new First Communicants, or indeed anyone, to become Altar Servers. If you are interested then come into the Sacristy before Mass. The current Altar servers will then help you find an alb and they will then show you how to serve during the Mass.

ONGOING FORMATION

In our Ongoing Formation group we have continued to follow the course 'Introduction to the Bible' by Dr Brant Petrie. We listen to recordings of his lectures and then discuss various points raised. Over the last few weeks we have been introduced to the Papal encyclical of Pope Leo XIII *Providentissimus Deus* (1893). In this momentous work the Holy Father reaffirmed the teaching that the Bible is Divinely Inspired and that the principle author is God, and it can therefore not contain any error.

We have also been talking about Scripture and Tradition, and Dr Petrie pointed out that tradition is very important and encouraged in the Bible, and that it should be used for teaching, correction, and training (2 Timothy 3:14-16; 2 Peter 1: 16-21)

If you would like to know more then please come and join our discussion group on Thursday evenings in St Mark's house.

Providentissimus Deus (1893) and all of the Papal encyclicals can be downloaded from the Vatican website.

HOMEWORK CLUB

We would like to begin offering our homework club this week. At the moment we can only offer it once a week: **Every Wednesday 3.30pm-4.30pm at St Mark's Hall and every Thursday at 3.15-4.15pm in St Anthony's Hall.** Please come along if you are interested or needing help with homework.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE 7TH MAY:

Plate collection including Gift Aid envelopes: £1665.75

Gift Aid to Bank: £282.00

Total: £1947.375

Offertory collection for the Ascension: £228.20